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Verbatim text memoranda exchanged 1953 concerning operation of ASA unit now designated 253rd follows:

1. Embassy memorandum April 24, 1953, to GRC Foreign Ministry:

"The Department of the Army plans to establish on Formosa a ground-based electronics countermeasures unit for operations on Taiwan in the Hsinchu Shih area. Under present plans the unit would operate in conjunction with the electronic search unit at Hokkaido, Japan. The operation would be on an experimental 6 months basis, its continuance contingent on the technical results obtained.

Two officers and 25 enlisted men would be assigned to the program with operational control being exercised by Admiral Radford and administrative support contributed by MAAG/Formosa. No MDAP funds are involved.

General Chase has obtained General Chou Chih-Jou's concurrence but the Department of State desires that the Embassy clear with the Foreign Office in obtaining the Chinese Government's approval for the survey team to visit Formosa about May 25, 1953, to survey tentative operational sites and make necessary administrative and logistical arrangements; also to stationing of the unit here

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unit here for the period specified. The survey is estimated to take about 20 days and if successful, the unit would be deployed on Formosa approximately 4 months later".

2. GRC memorandum May 15, 1953, in reply:

"With reference to the memorandum from the United States Embassy dated April 24, 1953, outlining the plans of the United States Department of the Army to establish in Hsinchu Shih area, Taiwan, an electronics countermeasures unit for operations in Taiwan on an experimental 6 months basis, and requesting the approval of the Government of the Republic of China for the visit to Taiwan about May 25, 1953 of a survey team consisting of 2 officers and 25 enlisted men, which is to survey tentative operational sites and make necessary administrative and logistical arrangements, and also for the stationing of the unit in Taiwan for a period of 6 months, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs wishes to signify on behalf of the Chinese Government its concurrence to the request mentioned above and to express in connection therewith the desires of the Chinese Government,

(1) That opportunities be given to qualified Chinese personnel to participate in the work of the unit and thereby to get themselves acquainted with the technical operations thereof, and

(2) That information obtained by the unit be supplied to the Chinese Government.

An early reply will be appreciated".

Only additional notes were previously reported by Embassy despatch 533, May 2, 1955, and GRC secret memo dated April 28, 1955.

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